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ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)-ITEM 60

1. SUMMARY: UNEP ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA GAVE
GENERAL UNEP PROGRAM STATEMENT, SAUDI ARABIA (BAROODY)
SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF A ONE CENT PER BARREL VALUE
ADDED TAX ON OIL TO FINANCE UNEP AND CONCEIVABLY OTHER UN
PROGRAMS. USSR, ISRAEL, SPAIN, CHILE, NEPAL ALSO MADE
GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS. US MADE GENERAL STATEMENT
ON UNEP PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 22 UNEP ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA
GAVE TOUR D'HORIZON STATEMENT OF UNEP ACTIVITIES AND
PLANS FOR FUTURE DIRECTIONS. HIS STATEMENT CONTAINED
NOTHING UNEXPECTED IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES OR
UNEP INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,
BUT HIS PERFORMANCE WAS EXCELLENT. THE MAJOR SURPRISE OF
THIS OPENING DEBATE WAS THE PRESENCE AND STATEMENT MADE
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BY DEP PERMREP BAROODY OF SAUDI ARABIA. HE SUGGESTED A

ONE CENT PER BARREL VALUE ADDED TAX BE PLACED ON OIL (LEVIED AT THE SOURCE) TO FINANCE UNEP PROGRAMS; (HE PREFACED HIS PROPOSAL WITH THE OLD ARABIC PROVERB "WITHOUT BUTTER YOU CANT FRY EGGS".) EXACTLY WHERE THIS "SUGGESTION" WILL GO NEXT WAS LEFT HANGING THE CHAIRMAN'S IMPLICATION BEING THAT AT SOME POINT BAROODY WILL SUBMIT A DRAFT RES, POSSIBLY NOT BEFORE THE 32ND UNGA.

3. US (KITCHEN) MADE GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT IN LINE WITH THE US POSITION PAPER (COPY POUCED DEPARTMENT). SPAIN EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR AN INTERIM INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HABITAT FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE AD HOC COMITE ON RESTRUCTURING DLIBERATIONS. USSR STATEMENT INCLUDED USUAL REFERENCES TO DISARMAMENT, AND TOOK FIRM STANCE IN OPPOSING ANY NEW EXECUTING AGENCY OR NEW BODY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOLLOW-UP, SOVIETS INCLUDED SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN THIS REGARD TO CREATION OF A NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY AS WELL AS UN EXECUTING ENTITY. THE ISRAELI STATEMENT WAS A LOW-KEYED SUBSTANTIVE EXPOSITION INCLUDING EXAMPLES OF ISRAEL'S EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. ISRAEL NOTED UNEP'S SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING EXECUTION OF THE BARCELONA ACCORD, WHICH OTHER DELEGATIONS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNEP'S SUCCESS.

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